

Sample Pastoral or Voter Captain Announcement

SAMPLE SCRIPT (3-4 Minutes)

As we prepare for the November 6 mid-term elections, with all who can and will vote in mind, let us reflect on Ephesians 6:10-18, and dress for success at the polls in the full armor of God, which reads in the NIV:

¹⁰ *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.* [Everybody say “Amen”!]

¹¹ *Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.* [Everybody say, “God has provided”!]

¹² *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.* [We will not be distracted by negative ads, negative news, bro-mances with North Korea/Russia/Saudi Arabia/Kayne West, obstacles and barriers to doing what is required of us to do.]

¹³ *Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.* [Everybody say, “Stand”!]

¹⁴ *Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,* [Truth that some died for our right to vote and some are still alive, with us still fighting for their rights and our rights. If you are here today and you prayed, marched, sang songs of liberation in the 60s, voted even though your life was threatened, please stand as we thank God for each of you and honor you by pledging to vote.]

¹⁵ [Stand, dress for success] ... *with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.* [Stand and educate self and others for the babies and those who can't vote and those who for whatever selfish reason won't vote.]

¹⁶ [Stand, dress for success] ... *take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.* [Faith encourages mountains of voter discouragement, disenfranchisement, disrespect, disconnection to move, to get out of the way.]

¹⁷ [Stand, dress for success] *And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.* [We are vessels filled with His power.]

¹⁸ [Stand, dress for success] *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. [Whether we vote absentee, early or on Election Day, November 6, remember to not be distracted, stand, take up, put on, dress for success of being a good steward of a blessing of the Lords, in the word of God, in Jesus name. VESSELS Vote! Thank you!]

SAMPLE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT:

VESSELS Vote 2018: Members and visitors remember voting is a constitutional right but more important it is a gift from God. Whether voting absentee, early or on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., remind self and others to be a good steward of another blessing from the Lord – the right to vote